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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/644,608 Confirmation No. : 5994  
Applicants : Robert B. Koenig and William Wekell  
Filed : August 19, 2003 Attorney Docket No.: 501260.01  
Art Unit : 2833 Customer No. : 27,076  
Examiner : Gary F. Paumen  
Title : LATCHING MEDICAL PATIENT PARAMETER SAFETY CONNECTOR AND METHOD

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Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005, from February 4, 2006, to March 4, 2006. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$120, to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.